

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FOR USE WITH ARMY TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA)

For use of this form, see AR 621-5; the proponent agency is DCS-G-1.

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 10 U.S.C. 2005, Advanced education assistance: active duty agreement; reimbursement requirements; 10 U.S.C. 4302, Enlisted members of Army schools; AR 621-5, Army Continuing Education System; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE: Information provided is used by processing activities and the approval authority to determine if the soldier meets eligibility requirements.

ROUTINE USES: The information provided may be disclosed to DoD officials who have an official need to know and the routine uses established by 5 USC 552a.

DISCLOSURE: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide information may result in a delay or error in processing.

1. BASIC TUITION ASSISTANCE: I understand--

- a. The Army will pay a specified percentage of the total tuition and fee charges IAW AR 621-5 of an educational institution if I am on full-time active duty. The total educational tuition assistance received will not exceed the Department of the Army established fiscal year (FY) tuition ceiling of \$4500, and semester hour (SH) cap, \$250, unless I have signed DA Form 7596 (eArmyU Participation Agreement) exempting me from either of these conditions. I agree to pay the remaining amount of tuition and other costs and fees associated with my attendance at any educational institution.
- b. TA is authorized on a course-by-course basis, or until I have completed the terms of my DA Form 7596 (eArmyU Participation Agreement) and no changes will be made in the courses or dollar amounts for which TA is approved without the approval of the Army Education Center (AEC). Any additional agreements between the educational institution and me are not binding on the Army and if TA is not authorized, I agree to pay the cost of tuition to the Army and/or school.
- c. The use of TA is for a course or courses required for the completion of my approved educational plan.
- d. I will obtain a SOCAD agreement/approved education plan from my academic institution within the stipulated timeframe or completion of 9 SHs, whichever is less, before requesting additional TA.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- a. All active duty Soldiers.
- b. All Soldiers in AGR status, pursuant to Title 10 and Title 32.
- c. All USAR and ARNG/ARNGUS personnel eligible for Reserve Component TA in an active drilling status who are coded as 'satisfactory participant.'
- d. TA is authorized for courses leading to completion of a documented educational plan for one credential each at the certificate, associate, bachelor, and master level. I understand I am not eligible to pursue courses leading to a lower or lateral postsecondary credential (except as noted for certification or licensure and for state education credential as described in AR 621-5).
- e. I understand I am not eligible to pursue a lower or lateral credential.
- f. I am not attending schooling under provisions of AR 621-1 (Fully Funded Officer Education Program (excluding Training with Industry), Degree Completion Program, Cooperative Degree Program, Advanced Degree Program and Short Courses Training).
- g. TA will only be issued to work on one credential at a time.
- h. I am not flagged under provisions of paragraph 1-12, or 1-13 AR 600-8-2.
- i. I have not received approval for voluntary separation under VSI or SSB programs.
- j. If I am participating in eArmyU program, I have a completed DA Form 7596 (eArmyU Participation Agreement).
- k. I must achieve and maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 upon completion of 15 SHs (or equivalent) of college credit funded by TA.

3. TIME CONDITIONS:

- a. Enlisted Soldiers must have sufficient time at current duty station to complete classroom courses and sufficient time in-service to complete all other courses.
- b. For eArmyU participation I agree to successfully complete the required semester hours within the specified time on my DA Form 7596 (eArmyU Participation Agreement).
- c. Officers and Warrant Officers see section six.